

CLAIMS

Therefore, having thus described the invention, at least the following is claimed:

- 1        1.        A system which docks a camera, comprising:
  - 2            a base; and
  - 3            a platform configured to dock with the camera and configured to couple to the
  - 4            base such that the platform may be rotated about an axis of rotation.
- 1        2.        The system of claim 1, wherein the camera, when docked to the platform, may be rotated about the axis of rotation.
- 1        3.        The system of claim 1, further comprising a connection member coupled to the platform and configured to insert into a matching recess residing in the camera such that when the camera is docked to the platform, the camera is rigidly coupled to the connection member.
- 1        4.        The system of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of connectors configured to communicatively couple the docked camera with a processing system.
- 1        5.        The system of claim 1, further comprising at least one leg coupled to the base.
- 1        6.        The system of claim 1, further comprising a cavity residing in a top surface of the platform, the cavity corresponding to the base of the camera such that when the camera is docked to the platform, the camera is rigidly coupled to the platform.
- 1        7.        The system of claim 1, wherein the platform further comprises a pedestal platform, the pedestal platform configured to dock the camera and to display marketing devices placed on the pedestal platform.

1           8.       The system of claim 7, further comprising:  
2            a pedestal base; and  
3            a plurality of pedestal platforms wherein a plurality of cameras may be docked.

1           9.       The system of claim 1, further comprising a communication device,  
2        wherein the communication device uses a communication medium to  
3        communicatively couple the docked camera to a processing system.

1           10.      The system of claim 9, wherein the communication medium comprises  
2        at least one selected from a group consisting of a wire connection medium, an infrared  
3        medium, a cable medium, a microwave medium, a radio frequency (RF) medium, an  
4        intermediary communication system may be employed, a telephony system medium  
5        and an Internet medium.

1           11.      A method for docking a camera, the method comprising the steps of:  
2            coupling the camera to a docking station platform; and  
3            rotating the camera about an axis of rotation, the rotation permitted by the  
4        docking station platform configured to couple to a docking station base such that the  
5        docking station platform may be rotated about the axis of rotation.

1           12.      The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of communicating  
2        information from the camera to a processing system.

1           13.      The method of claim 12, wherein the step of communicating further  
2        comprises the step of communication with a communication medium used by a  
3        communication device.

1           14.      The method of claim 13, wherein the communication medium  
2        comprises at least one selected from a group consisting of a wire connection medium,  
3        an infrared medium, a cable medium, a microwave medium, a radio frequency (RF)  
4        medium, an intermediary communication system may be employed, a telephony  
5        system medium and an Internet medium.

1           15.    A system for docking a camera, comprising:  
2           means for physically coupling the camera to a docking station platform;  
3           means for communicatively coupling the camera to a docking station platform;  
4   and  
5           means for rotating the camera about an axis of rotation, the rotation permitted  
6   by the docking station platform configured to couple to a docking station base such  
7   that the docking station platform may be rotated about the axis of rotation.

1           16.    The system of claim 15, further comprising means for rigidly coupling  
2   the camera to the docking station platform.

1           17.    The system of claim 15, further comprising means for communicating  
2   information from the camera to a processing system.

1           18.    The system of claim 17, wherein the means for communicating further  
2   comprises means for communicating with a communication medium used by a  
3   communication device.

1           19.    The system of claim 18, wherein the communication medium  
2   comprises at least one selected from a group consisting of a wire connection medium,  
3   an infrared medium, a cable medium, a microwave medium, a radio frequency (RF)  
4   medium, an intermediary communication system may be employed, a telephony  
5   system medium and an Internet medium.

1           20.    The system of claim 15, wherein the means for communicatively  
2   coupling further comprises means for coupling the camera to a pedestal platform such  
3   that marketing devices are placed on the pedestal platform.